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Nucor Steel Gallatin Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Employees work more than a million hours without a lost-time incident

GHENT, Ky. (Jan. 15, 2015) – Secretary Larry L. Roberts of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today presented employees and officials of Nucor Steel Gallatin with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The honor recognizes the facility's 465 employees for working 1,067,652 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

"This honor goes to the hundreds of employees who contribute to the success of Nucor Steel Gallatin and make safety the top priority every day," said Secretary Roberts.

"Safety is a key factor in any company's success, from productivity to overall morale, and it requires everyone's involvement."

Nucor and its affiliates are manufacturers of steel products, with approximately 200 operating facilities worldwide, primarily in the U.S. and Canada. Strategically located on the Ohio River, the Ghent facility helps make Nucor the largest producer of steel in the United States. The company is also North America's biggest recycler.

"The excellence in productivity, quality and especially safety this year has taken the focus of every teammate every day to achieve," said General Manager and Vice President John Farris. "Our facility continues to rank at the top and be a leader in safety among the steel manufacturers in North America. We are extremely proud of every teammate at

Nucor Steel Gallatin for this accomplishment and their commitment to working safely and going home to their family each day.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Nucor Steel Gallatin, the requirement is 1 million.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Nucor Steel Gallatin, visit www.gallatinsteel.com.

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